WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5177

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 5, 1997

Application of SKYHAWK COURIER
SERVICE INC. for Temporary
Authority -- Irregular Route
Operations

Case No. AP-97-38

By application filed July 3, 1997, Skyhawk Courier Service Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks temporary authority for irregular route operations in the Metropolitan District. Applicant has also applied for a certificate of authority in Case No. AP-97-37.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with a 24-passenger vehicle and a 16-passenger vehicle. Applicant's proposed tariff consists of a contract with the Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture requiring shuttle service between points in the District of Columbia, specifically, 1301 New York Avenue, NW, on the one hand, and 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, on the other.

Under Title II of the Compact, Article XI, Section 13(a), the Commission may grant temporary authority if there is an immediate need for service that is not available. The application must be supported by evidence of an imminent event demonstrating an immediacy of need.¹

The application for temporary authority must be denied in this case because there is not evidence of immediate need. Supporting the application is a portion of the proposed contract describing what service is required but not when service is required.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application for temporary authority is denied.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS ALEXANDER, LIGON, AND MILLER:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director

¹ <u>In re Miju Express, Inc.</u>, No. AP-91-35, Order No. 3855 (Dec. 3, 1991).